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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL'S EU PRESIDENCY SCHEDULE: UPDATE

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**¶11.** (U) Reftel, sent in January, provided an interim list of the major meetings Portugal would host during its EU Presidency, which begins July 1. This cable provides an updated list. (Note: The GOP is very sensitive about this list and requested that we PROTECT this information in official channels only for security reasons.)

**¶12.** (SBU) All meetings are scheduled to take place in Lisbon unless otherwise marked.

JULY

1: Opening Concert (Porto)  
2: Joint Meeting of the Portuguese Government and the European Commission (Porto)  
4: Meeting of the National Defense Policy Directors-General  
5: Fifth Conference of the Network of EU Environmental Lawyers (NEEL)  
5-7: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Employment and Social Policy (Guimaraes)  
6: Meeting of the Directors-General of European Affairs  
6: Workshop on the Modernization of Public Administration and Competitiveness  
9-10: Informal Meeting of the High-Level Group on Asylum and Migration (GANAM)  
10: Informal Meeting of the Conventional Arms Exports Group (COARM)  
11-12: Seminar: "A 2020 Vision: Thinking the Way for 20% Renewables"  
11-13: Meeting of the Political and Security Committee (PSC or COPS)  
12-13: Meeting of Political Directors and European Correspondents (Estoril)  
13-14: Conference: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)  
13-14: Informal Meeting of Directors-General Responsible for Sports  
16-17: First Meeting of the Innovative Public Service Group (IPSG)  
16-17: Informal Workshop of the International Environment Group on Climate Change  
18: Workshop: "The Contribution of Civil Aviation to Combating Climate Change"  
19: Troika Ministerial with Africa's Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD)  
19-20: Meeting of the RELEX Group  
19-21: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Competitiveness and Science  
19-22: Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER) Meeting (Azores)  
23: First Meeting of the E-Governmental Group  
23: Meeting of the Green Diplomacy Network

AUGUST

31: Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers

## SEPTEMBER

- 1: Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers (continued)
- 4: Informal Meeting of Environment Attaches
- 4-5: Informal Meeting of the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA/CEIFA)
- 5-6: Meeting of the Nicolaïdis Group (COPS Preparatory Group)
- 7: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee - Members
- 7-8: Informal Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (GYMNICH) (V. do Castelo)
- 7-8: Seminar on "Digitalization: Archive Preservation, Availability and Intellectual Property"
- 10-11: Seminar of the Committee AVSEC (Aviation Security)
- 11: High-Level Group Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming
- 12-13: Workshop on the Application of the Principle of the Extended Producer Responsibility
- 14: Informal Meeting of the Eurogroup (Porto)
- 14: Conference: Directors of ESDP
- 14-15: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Economics and Finance (ECOFIN) (Porto)
- 15: Meeting of the EUROMED - Finance (Porto)
- 16-18: Informal Meeting of Agriculture Ministers and CSA (Special Committee on Agriculture) (Porto)
- 17: Meeting of Presidents/Directors of Diplomatic Training of MFAs
- 17-18: Meeting 8th European Diplomatic Program - Module 1
- 18: Troika of Political Directors EU-Turkey
- 19: Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Administrative Modernization
- 19-20: Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policy on Drugs
- 19-21: E-Government Conference
- 20: Meeting of the Directors-General Responsible for Youth
- 20-23: COREPER II (Porto/Douro)
- 21: Ministerial Troika EU/New Zealand

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- 21-22: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Development
- 24: Meeting of the Crime Prevention Council
- 24-25: Meeting of the Directors General for Vocational Education and Training
- 26-27: First Meeting of the CEPOL Administrative Council
- 26-28: Meeting of the Committee on Civil Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)
- 27-28: Informal Meeting of Defense Ministers (Evora)
- 27-28: Conference: Teacher Professional Development for the Quality and Equity of Lifelong Learning

\*\*Meeting of the General Affairs Group (GAG) - Place and date to be confirmed.

## OCTOBER

- 1: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee Textiles (Porto)
- 1-2: Informal Meeting for Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)
- 3-4: Conference of Experts for Gender Equality: Employability and Entrepreneurship
- 4: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Gender Equality
- 4-5: Meeting of the Political and Military Group (PMG)
- 4-5: Meeting of the Customs Union Group (Porto)
- 8: Seminar on "shaping the Energy Market Integration"
- 8&10: Informal meeting of Chief veterinary Officers (CVOs)
- 9: Informal Meeting of the Export Credits Group
- 9: Meeting of the High-Level Group on Energy
- 9-10: SOM EU/Latin American/Caribbean
- 10: Informal Meeting of the Employment Committee (EMCO)
- 11: Meeting of Cultural Directors of MFAs
- 11-12: European Forum of the National Ethics Councils (NEC Forum)
- 11-12: Meeting of Policy Planning Directors
- 15: Meeting of EU Directors-General Responsible for the Territorial Agenda
- 15-16: Meeting of Directors of Archives of MFAs
- 17: Troika Political Directors EU/Ukraine
- 18-19: Informal Meeting of Heads of State and Government
- 22: Ministerial Troika EU-Canada
- 22: High-Level Conference on the European Maritime Policy
- 22-23: EUROMED/Trade - to be confirmed

23: High-Level Conference on "CSDP and Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in Africa"  
24: European Conference on the Fight Against Doping in Sports  
24: Meeting of National Coordinators of Drugs  
25: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Sports  
26: Summit EU-Russia (Mafra)  
26: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee - Services  
26-27: Trade Union Conference EU/Africa  
29-30: Informal Meeting of the Humanitarian Aid Committee (HAC)  
29-30: Meeting of the Committee of Senior Labor Inspector Officials (SLIC)  
31: Seminar: "Creative Economy / Cultural Industries"

#### NOVEMBER

1: Seminar: "Creative Economy / Cultural Industries"  
(continued)  
1-2: Meeting of the European Union Ecolabelling Board  
2-3: Conference "Schools Facing up to New Challenges"  
4: SOM EUROMED  
5: Ministerial Troika EU/Palestinian Authority  
5: Informal Ministerial Meeting with the Arab Maghreb Union - to be confirmed  
5-6: EUROMED - Foreign Affairs  
7: Troika of Political Directors EU-Japan  
7-8: Meeting of the Information System on Employment Policies (MISEP)  
9-10: Conference "Consumers and Competition: Towards a European Consumer's Collective Redress"  
12: Meeting of the eBSN Steering Group  
12-13: Meeting of the "Public Procurement Network" Group (PPN)  
14: Meeting of the Focal Points for "2008 European Year of Intercultural Dialogue"  
14: Informal Meeting of the Social Protection Committee (SPC)  
15-16: Meeting of Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs)  
15-16: Second Meeting of the Innovative Public Service Group (IPSG)  
18: Second Meeting of the E-Government Group  
18-19: EUROMED MIGRATION (Algarve)  
19-20: Meeting of the National Managers of Employment Services (EURES)  
20-21: Conference on "Airports: Dialogue with Industry"  
21-22: Meeting of Chief Dental Officers  
22: 14th FRONTEX Management Board Meeting  
23-24: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Planning and Regional Development (Azores)  
23-24: Seminar on Practical Cooperation in the Field of External Maritime Border Control in the EU  
23-24: Seminar: "Personal Security Management"

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26-27: Conference "Valuing Learning: European Experiences and Solutions to the Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning"  
27-28: Workshop on the Financing of Terrorism  
29-30: Meeting of the SIS-TECH Group  
29-30: Meeting of the EU Water Directors-General

#### DECEMBER

3-4: Meeting of National Coordinators of Extra-hospital Medical Emergencies  
5-6: Seminar on Cultural Heritage and Architecture Policies  
6-7: 15th Meeting of the European Board of National Archives (EBNA)  
6-7: 9th Forum of the EU NGOs  
8-9: EU/Africa Summit  
10-11: Annual Conference on Best Practices in Crime Prevention of the European Crime Prevention Network  
10-11: 49th Meeting of Directors-General for Public Administration  
13-14: European Council (Brussels)  
13-14: Meeting of the Education Committee  
20: Closing Concert - to be confirmed  
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